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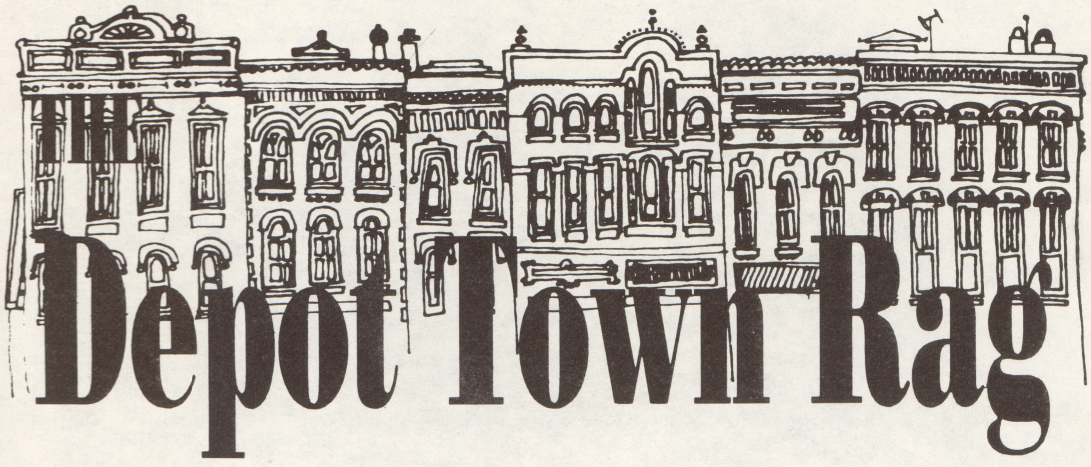

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MEETINGS

Depot Town Merchants' Committee
7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 7
Depot Town Association
7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 14
Historic Depot Town Foundation
8:00 p.m. Thursday, July 21
All in the Caboose

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Exploring America: A Passage By Rail

by Charles S. Kuralt

Where do our words come from? Where do our notions come from? Where does our vision of who and what we are come from? Am I getting "side-tracked" before I've built up a head of steam?" Maybe so, you know how a person can get "all fired up." No point "blowing your stack," though, nor "riding me out of town on a rail." Not, anyway, "before this flying switch"...

Railroaders do have their own way of talking, but history has made all of us railroaders after a fashion as the train moved among us and moved us. Separating us sometimes brother from brother but joining us as a people. As it moved us it moved through our language and our minds. Now we all talk of "being on the wrong track," of "jerkwater towns," of "whistle stops." We throw "box cars" at the dice tables. We ask "who's going to pay the freight?" We'd all like to be "on the gravy train".'

But it wasn't only railroad lingo that we got from the railroad. We got from the railroad one another's words. We got each other's words and ways as invisible freight aboard the immigrant trains and the milk trains and the CANNON BALLS. Freight that was unloaded every time a settler got off, or a visiting relative, or a tramp.

And more even than that, we got the

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BOOMER DAYS - JULY 16, 17, 18, 1983

Bums, tramps and hoboes will return to the railyards in Ypsilanti as Depot Town celebrates its ties to the railroad industry and legend with unique events up and down Cross and River Streets this month. Local citizens of every age will "dress down" for the fourth annual event and panhandle their way through the Depot Town merchants' SIDEWALK SALES which will line the colorfully planted sidewalks of this old railroad district. Steve Gross says the sales are a new feature of the neighborhood festivity and should help to acquaint newcomers with the unusual potpourri of goods and services available in this energetic block of retail businesses on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Residents of the block will be wise to save some odd jobs for the weekend panhandlers seeking handouts. There is little wood to chop this time of year, but flower beds need to be weeded and windows washed and carrying out the trash are always appropriate.

A CITY-WIDE TALENT SHOW will commence at noon Saturday on a stage provided by River Street's MICHIGAN SCENIC and will award a first prize of $100, second prize of $50, and third & fourth prizes of $25 each. The Merchants' Committee anticipates an unusual array of entertainments, not your usual display of hoofers on the stairway to stardom, but everything from near-professional music and dance to poetry, recitation, cake decorating, comedy and acrobatics. Guaranteeing the program's departurre from the hum-drum is its Master of Ceremonies, PROFESSOR MALARKEY, memorable for his appearances at the annual Heritage Festivals. Entry for the event must be made in advance -- at WHEN IN DOUBT, 23 E. Cross Street.

★ Voting for the HOBO KING, QUEEN, PRINCE AND PRINCESS is going on now via jars on display at MILLER'S ICE CREAM PARLOR. The cash collected here will help to pay the talent show awards. CORONATIONS take place Friday night at 7:30 on the Boomer Stage.

★ Saturday at 11 a.m. all Boomers (in costume, of course) will participate in THE BUM'S RUSH, a district-wide scavenger and odd-jobs hunt. A wide range of ages presenting themselves may result in ability grouping for this delightfully costumed event. More prizes.

★ MULLIGAN STEW, complete with gumps and hoppins, will be served, with the addition of a Board of Health certificate of approval... Rest assured, this is both authentic and official.

★ Recent years have found so many bureaucratic restrictions on our neighborhood campout that the Hobo Jungle on Frog Island will simply be a 10 pm-2 am campfire, Saturday night. Charles Kuralt's railroad songs in this issue should set the theme. Bring stories to tell, pillows to nap on, bug dope, harmonicas, guitars, firewood, flashlights and your own refrershments. Kids of all ages are welcome to wear pajamas and will wake up in their own beds on Sunday morning.

★ BOOMER DAYS has got to be the only event of its kind in the history of the Western Hemisphere. Where else, but in Ypsilanti's Depot Town can you be the bum, tramp or hobo and revel in your environment? Don't dress up --- dress down! Be a Boomer on July 16, 17, & 18.

DEPOT TOWN OPEN: Thursday Nights

RAILROAD SONGS

We'll sing you some railroad songs... (Charles Kuralt, CBS News, lover of railroads and places like Depot Town, sends along this list of tunes to sing at the Boomer Days Hobo Jungle campfire. His piece on railroad language appears in this issue, also. Thanks Charles. We'llsee you on Sunday morning.)

You Leave the Pennsylvanis Station
'Bout a quarter to four,
Read a magazine and then
You're in Baltimore.
Dinner in the Diner,
Nothin' could be finer...

Casey Jones,
Keep this Junkpile Runnin'...

We sing about what we know:

Casey Jones, Makin' double time.
Casey Jones, got a wooden medal,
For being good and faithful on the SP Line.

This train don't carry no gamblers, this train.
This train don't carry no gamblers, this train
This train don't carry no gamblers,
Liars, thieves nor big-shot ramblers.
this train is bound for Glory, this train.

Railroad Bill, Railroad Bill,
He never worked, and he never will.
I'm gonna ride, ol' Railroad Bill.

When you're on that last train to Glory,
You'll know you're reachin' home at last.

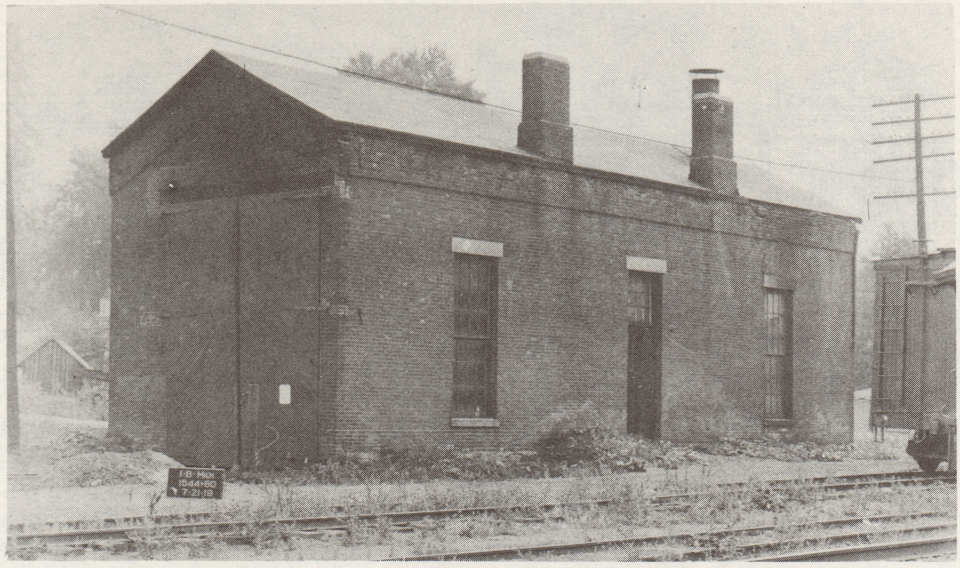
Please don't tell what train I'm on,
They won't know the route I've gone.

Down the Rock Island Line, she's a mighty good road.
Rock Island Line, it's a road to ride.
Rock Island Line, it's a mighty good road
Well, if you ride you got to ride it like you find it.
Get your ticket at the station on the Rock Island Line.

John Henry told his captain,
Lord, a man ain't nothin' but a man.
But before I let your steam drillbeat me down,
I would die with my hammer in my hand.

Once I built a railroad, I made it run,
Made it race against time.
Once I built a railroad, now it's done.
Brother, can you spare a dime.
Good Night, American, how are ya?
Say, Don't you know me? I'm your native Son.
I'm the train they call the City of New Orleans.
I'll be gone 500 Miles when the day is done.

We sing about what we know, and what we knew about for our most important century and a half -- between the horse and the car -- was the railroad.



Seventy Years Ago In The Ypsilanti Yards

(Ilene Sari remembers the boomers. She's seventy-four years old and grew up on Park Street. We've walked over foundations along the main track across from Gillentines' shop on Lincoln Street and wondered out-loud what all that rubble was about. Mrs. Sari promised to tell us one day, and in late June she showed up with a drawing and many stories from childhood days which certainly help to fill in some blank spaces from the hey-days of railroading - when the Ypsilanti yard was really bustling. Special thanks to the Allen County Historical Society, of Lima, Ohio for the use of the pictures, taken by the railroad for insurance purposes on 7/19/19. The Engine House, Watchman's shanty and Outhouse were integral parts of the yard. Is that Pollack Joe on the porch?)

Several old passenger cars were parked in the yard and the railroad men lived in them. Sometimes as many as two hundred people stayed there and they were mostly foreigners, mostly Italians who couldn't speak English at all. We loved them and they loved us children. We played over there a lot.

Pollack Joe and the Italian Guy gave us presents and things: a black, beaded necklace (which I still have) and one day Pollack Joe gave me a kerosene-soaked dollar bill which I took home to show my Mom. We didn't see many dollar bills in those days.

There was a big fight one night and the Italian Guy killed a man in one of the

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70 YEARS AGO

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workers cars and then dragged his body to where the Fingerle Lumber yard used to be. The police found it and said it looked like they had scooped his flesh out with a spoon. There was blood all over the train car and our Momma said we couldn't play there anymore. The Italian Guy must have left town. We never saw him again and the Police never found him either.

The man who shoveled coal was completely blind. He lived over on Jarvis Street and I believe I saw him about ten years ago. He might be dead by now, though.

We saw a huge black snake in the grass by the coal yard and one of the railroad workers showed us how to kill it: You have to stomp on it SEVEN TIMES, he told us, or it'll come alive again. He was the one who told my brother (and this may sound dirty) that when you cut your finger you should pee on it to make it better. It worked.

A woman lived in one of the cars and cooked for the men. I used to watch her cook tortillas on a coal stove. I got too close and my dress caught fire and she put it out by patting me all over.

They had good food in the yard and gave us their leftovers. We were thankful for that, since we didn't have much then. The railroad men were always real good to us.

We loved their dog, a black and white one, and they gave it to us. They just brought it over to the house and said we could have it. The dog protected me and my Mom could never spank me after that. I don't remember ever getting spanked for anything - and we lived there until I was twenty.

The engine was parked inside the engine house some of the time but once the crew lost control and drove it right through the back wall and off the tracks.

The railyard was a very exciting place to grow up.

Awards Continue...

The Best Yet award was passed on by the steam train excursion committee which won it last month to Bob and Donna Duzak and family for the tasteful reworking of their front yard on the corner of Photo and Ninde streets. In what has got to be one of the most obscure intersections in the city, the Duzaks have erected a new fence, planted flowers, and done a masterful job of residential landscaping. It's tidy and neat, a proper English door year, if we ever saw one. All of Depot Town is not commercial - we have nine actual houses in the district and the Duzak's is a fine example. They operate the garage immediately behind their home, on Ninde Street.

The Golden Goose award was awarded by Follett House Associate Jerry Meadows to Ward Five Councilmember Jerry Bubenhofer to encourage his efforts in settling the deliberations over the Freight House.

Both awards are passed on at the monthly DTA meetings and we look forward to Duzaks and Bubenhofer passing on the gilt trophies at the July 21 meeting of the Association.

Will The Market Make It?

Dealing with the City over the management of the Farmers' Market reminds us of the old raiload story of the too-slow passenger train: "This train is too slow", complained the impatient passenger. "Why are we stopping again? We just stopped ten miles ago for a cow on the tracks. What's the problem this time?" To this, the conductor replied, "We caught up with that cow again." After three months of negotiating with the City Administration, the City Attorney and, now, the Mayor, City Council has decided that it will write specifications for the operation and solicit bids for the management of the Farmers' Market. This collection of proposals should enable the city to decide whether it wants (1) a management contract with a non-profit organization, (2) a lease agreement with a private individual or (3) to continue with the present style of organization.

The Historic Depot Town Foundation was encouraged by the City Manager to initiate a proposal for the operation of the Market. Councilmember Bubenhofer asked Norman Lawson of the DEPOT MAILBOX and ROSEMARY'S CORNER to make a proposal. Meanwhile, Gary Urick has been hired to continue the present two-day-a-week market operation.

Now the Council feels the proposals should be put up for bids. Contracts with producers have been let for this growing season. It's too late to plant anything for this fall's harvest. The Jazz Festival Committee and the Ypsilanti Players are using the facility, too, via laborious consultation with the City. This train is moving, but very slowly. We look forward to the specifications. Who knows, maybe somebody else has an idea on how to operate Ypsilanti's freight house.

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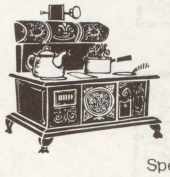
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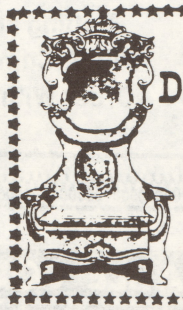
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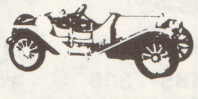
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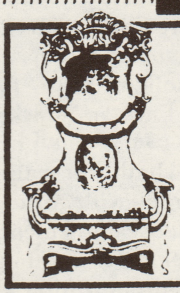

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DEPOT TOWN OPEN

Thursday Nights until

Did Heritage Festival start early this year o last year? We're seeing foot traffic from River in recent memory.

Depot Town merchants continue to flaunt t to stay open until eight p.m. on Thuirsday nig when everyone in town would stroll the stre friendly greetings? People still smile and no and join the old-time fun. On Thursday nigh

This month RAGTIME will be taking a to first stop will be at DEPOT EXCHANGE, De dating way back to 1975. When Depot Excl side of the street but have since moved to num is co-owned by Steve Gross and Linda Frenc year's RAG and we hope some day he will re clever articles. Linda has been a part of Depo owning the Alibi Bar. Now brother Bill and today as AUBREE'S SALOON. We extend c baby soon. As for the merchandise, it's simpl see upon your next visit. We could stay the

JIM MAC DONALD'S / APPLE ANNIE' Radtke joined Jim about four months after he eventually grew to handle half the store's in 1960 and caters to everyone from punk rock is always cheerful, with her little, dimpled s years and carries functional pieces of antic piece if it is attractive and well made. If it's more than likely go up. He offers a variety of the do-it-yourselfer, pieces still in the roug questions regarding antiques.

The OLD TOWN TREASURE SHOP is co- in-law JoAnne. Old Town Treasure recently consignment end of their business. Now they will find mostly collectible items with a few Town Treasure offers Victorian clothing, Lio other retail shops are located in the store: owned by Sandy Knight proves that if your zipper replaced, or any tailoring needs for th can't be done.

Next we will be headed for North River Stre unique shop offering handmade collecti Charismart is run by a most charming wor If you haven't made the extra effort ot turn t see the antique collectibles of tomorrow.

Now we move next door to VINTAGE PAS selection of Deco era jewelry, clothing and c find a line of working antique radios he especially enjoy the heart-warming conver wonderful outlood and philosophy on life advisor in her mother, Virginia. Together th business and are truly a welcome addition

So there you have it: Depot Town's fines a whole day at any one of these fine shops wh all found right here in Depot Town.

N:

8 P.M.

or are those sidewalk crowds left over from rside Park to the Railroad unlike anything

the ethics of the good old days by agreeing ghts for the rest of the summer. Remember ets--just to see each other--and exchange d to each other down here. Come on down hts, especially.

The RAG BAG/ Boomer Deals

(Many of these same merchants will also be having SIDEWALK SALES on July 15,16,17. The coupons are not applicable to sidewalk merchandise. Coupons good through July 31, 1983.)

ur of our Depot Town antique shops. Our pot Town's first and original antique store, hange first opened they were on the other nber 54, next to the SIDETRACK. The shop h. Steve did a wonderful job of editing last eturn to us and bang out some more of his t Town all her life, with her father, Aubrey, wife Sandee own the former Alibi known ongratulations to Linda who is expecting a ly the top of the line in antiques, as you will re all day, but let us move on to .....

S / ANTIQUES AND CLOTHING. Lynn e opened in 1979 with a small corner which nventory. She offers clothes from 1890 to kers to costume-party-money-savers. She mile. Jim has been in the business for ten que furniture. He stresses the value of the functional it will not lose its value but will furniture including restored pieces, or, for gh. Jim is always willing to answer your

owned by Shirley Kornilakis and daughter- shut down for two months to close out the only sell their own merchandise. Here you larger pieces mixed in here and there. Old onel Trains, antiques and collectibles. Two SOMETHING SPECIAL, a tailoring shop clothes need to be mended, sewed, or a at matter...if Sandy can't do it, it probably

eet and to CHARISMART, Ypsilanti's most oles from the surrounding community. man named Gladys Byers and her family. the corner in Depot Town, do it today and

SSION, where we find the most wonderful ollectibles to be found in the area. We also re. Sounds good to me. Shoppers will rsations of owner Linda Williams, whose are most refreshing. Linda has a senior ney offer over 15 years of knowledge in the to the district.

t, rolled into a nut shell. We could spend hich are the best to be found.... and they're

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LETTING OFF STEAM...

(This old railroad phrase could well be the beginning of a now and again column in THE RAG which polls the populace on recent controversial issues. We seem to have almost as many opinions as people in our block. Let's give it a try.)

BILL AND SANDEE FRENCH, of AUBREE'S SALOON have petitioned the Historic District Commission once more for continued improvements on their landmark enterprise. More than $250,000 are going into their current renovation which includes a satellite television dish on the roof of the building. Rather than decide at their meeting in City Hall, the H.D.C. wants to bounce the concept around the block a bit first and then decide. Maybe. If we didn't catch you at Farmers' Market last week, call Jane Bird and let her know your position. Here are the responses we got to the question "What do you think about putting a satellite TV dish on top of a Depot Town building?"

GRACE SWEENEY: Their new roof looks like it's made of the same material as the Goodyear Blimp and no one complained about that.

MARY LISKOW: These buildings were not designed to be seen from the back. Could they disguise it with fencing, paint or something?

JOHN WAITE: It's no problem to screen the roofs from the Farmers' Market and the Depot Restaurant. Our original screening was large maple trees. Look at the old photos.

DELORES HOLT: It would stick out like a sore thumb.

RANDY CARPENTER: It would be gaudy, not tasteful.

JEAN COPENHAGEN: As long as it's good for business, let's hope the success spills over on the rest of us.

GARY URICK: Depot Town has finally arrived. The age of technology is upon us.

MIKE HAMSHIRE: It won't be noticable from the street and could be made fairly unobtrusive.

BEVERLY SHANKWILER: They were one of the first to fix up in the district. This only increases their viability. We don't pretend to be Williamsburg down here. Depot Town is a theatre for creative people to act in.

MARY HANSEN: I'm with you Beverly.

DARLENE MOOD: The HDC must realize that history does not equate with anti-progress. Preservation should not be stopping progress. The key is to find ways to blend the historic and valuable qualities with the movement into high tech.

BETTY KERR: They could cook soup in it.

LARRY BACKLUND: Maybe if it were done in cast iron with a little lace around the edge and a mail pouch ad painted on it to give it that old-timey effect.(Don't you know that stuff is bad for your health?)

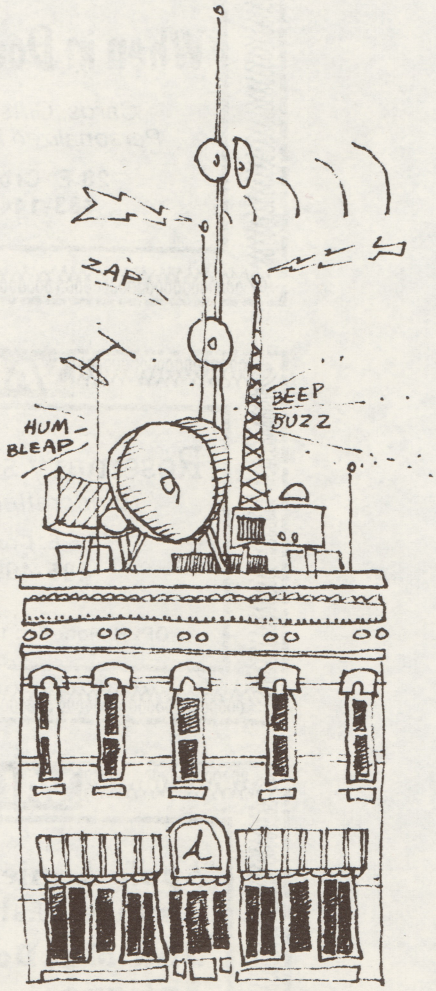
FRED VIEGLE: We've already got TV antennae on the roofs. What's the difference in a saucer/praying mantis on the roof too? It's not visible when walking down the street. You could only see it when flying over.

DOUG HARRIS: They have every right to put it on their roof....if they can afford it.

BOB SHAW: If the world were flat, we'd all be speaking Portugese.

ERNIE STAFFORD: The best place to see the saucer is from Dodd's third floor front room -- and you have to be invited up.

So there. Watch for another opportunity for LETTING OFF STEAM in the September issue. Topic: How might we improve the Heritage Festival?



DEAR RAG,

I brought my family down for last year's Boomer Days and had a great time. The next week I got laid off at Ford's and now my unemployment has run out. We don't want to win any prizes for our outfits this year, since these are not our costumes. It's all we have. So knock off the kidding and start dishing out the Mulligan Stew. That's my wife Velma, at the front of the line. Maybe next year you could have booths where people could wash up? Reagonomics sure does fit your depression theme. You guys are a bunch of cards.

Fred Boomer and family
at the entrance to Frog Island
in that big cardboard box.

CORNET BAND REVIVED

Historic preservationist will watch with awe as the Depot Town float for the Heritage Parade comes together. Intended as a replica of the Cornet Band carriage found in the 1800's photo, the vehicle will be photographed again in the same location - in front of the Artrain building, complete with fancy ladies hanging out the windows. Copies of the photo will be made available at Heritage Festival. Depot Town Merchants will advertise on the back of the sheet.

CHARLES KURALT

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country and our vision of ourselves. Which of our places would be settled now if we had been flying then, passing far over to some certain destination instead of passing THROUGH,tempted by all the vast land? The airplane is a neat and fast thing, but it wouldn't have carried the kinds of cargo the trains did: While peoples...ways of life... ways of speech.

Boomers headed nowhere but where the heading was good. Founding fathers in spite of themselves. Brought by the train: words and ways and dreams.

I'm Charles Kuralt, CBS News

OH, BOOMER How You've Changed !!

The tradition is older than the Jazz Festival and newer than the Depot but the BOOMER DAYS logotype has changed drastically in a few short years. We'd like to see "Boomer" and his counterparts appear in ads, windows, articles and art for this annual event. Were there any female boomers? Child boomers? Dog and cat boomers? We re-print each of the previous logos for you to get creative with. We'll be looking for you, Boomer.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

A public hearing will be held before the City Council in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, one South Huron, Ypsilanti, Michigan at 7:30 P.M. on Monday, July 18, 1983 on a request to vacate the South four feet of an existing 20 foot alley and right-of-way; said existing alley being immediately North of the Follett House property and other properties with common addresses of 17,19,21,23,25, 27,29,33,35,37,39 and 41 East Cross Street; said alley running East and West extending from the existing railroad tracks on the East to Rice Street (a/k/a Market Place) to the West.

All interested citizens are welcome to attend said public hearing.

Very Truly Yours,
Robert A. Slone, Jr.
City Clerk

Packer Predominates

(notes from the June 16 meeting of the Depot Town Association)

Vice president Ray Packer ably steered the meeting from his corner of the farm wagon in the Farmers' Market Plaza. More than twenty-five people attended and we were as dynamic and colorful as ever. This group disagrees so agreeably, perhaps the City Council and even the United Nations should take note. Several participated for the first time and we look forward to their continued involvements. Just pay your dues and vote. And work. There's plenty of room for more. Every third Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

State Senator Lana Pollack commented on the need for democratic action recently: "It's because we're all so imperfect" - that we keep refining our group processes.

Ray's June meeting proved an old truism: meeting standing up (or leaning on the wagon) wastes very little time.

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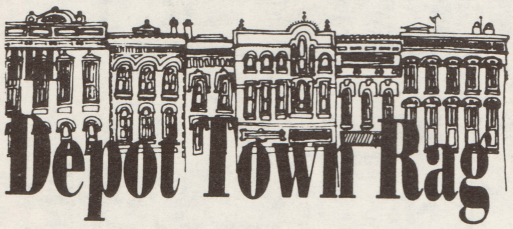

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